

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 676, AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE LITIGATION FOR ACTIONS BY THE PRESIDENT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 935, REDUCING REGULATORY BURDENS ACT OF 2013; AND PROVIDING FOR PROCEEDINGS DURING THE PERIOD FROM AUGUST 1, 2014, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 5, 2014

Mr. NUGENT, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 113-566) on the resolution (H. Res. 694) providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 676) providing for authority to initiate litigation for actions by the President or other executive branch officials inconsistent with their duties under the Constitution of the United States; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 935) to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify Congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters, and for other purposes; and providing for proceedings during the period from August 1, 2014, through September 5, 2014, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

MOMENT OF SILENCE HONORING M. CALDWELL BUTLER

(Mr. GOODLATTE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, our Nation has lost a true public servant. Congressman Caldwell Butler, who represented the Sixth Congressional District of Virginia from 1972 to 1983, passed away last night. He will be remembered for many things, including his sharp legal mind and an integral role in the Watergate investigation and the Nixon impeachment proceedings.

A genuine family man, he treasured his wife, June, and their four sons. I am especially thankful to have served as a member of his staff many years ago and to serve the same Sixth District today. My thoughts and prayers are with the Butler family during this difficult time.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me and members of the Virginia delegation in a moment of silence in honor and in the memory of M. Caldwell Butler.

SUPPORTING KURDISH ALLIES

(Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of our Kurdish allies in the Middle East.

The Kurdish people are one of America's strongest allies in the Middle

East. In 2003 leading up to the Iraq war, the Kurdish people, positioned in the northern part of Iraq, opened their arms to American troops and welcomed their liberation after decades of oppression from Saddam Hussein's regime.

Recently, with the ISIS insurgency in Iraq, the Kurdish Regional Government has remained firm in protecting Iraq and have managed to maintain stability in a volatile region.

Currently, a Kurdish tanker is anchored off the coast of Texas with an estimated \$100 million worth of crude oil aboard. The KRG presently maintains federal control over their region despite the objections of the Iraqi central government. Even though the ship was cleared on Sunday by the U.S. Coast Guard, a Federal judge ruled that the cargo could be seized by U.S. Marshals at the request of the Iraqi oil ministry.

The claim of misappropriation by the Iraqi oil ministry could be viewed as exclusionary. Congress and the administration need to pressure the Maliki government to be more inclusive.

The Kurdish Regional Government, at present, exports billions of dollars each year in crude oil to major allies of the United States all over the world. It should always be our mission to support our allies in the Middle East and move in the right direction in our relationship with the Kurds.

THE IRS

(Mr. WENSTRUP asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, if a Cincinnati were audited tomorrow, the IRS would expect my constituent to have the last 7 years of records to simply prove their compliance with the law. The IRS? Not so much. It is a different standard for them.

After spending years politically targeting Americans, and trampling the First Amendment to silence opposition, the IRS is hiding from the American people. Now, instead of coming clean, the IRS is essentially saying: Sorry, the dog ate my homework. They say: Our emails are missing.

It would appear that Lois Lerner knew what she was doing. In April 2013 she warned staff to be cautious about what information they put in emails.

The Federal Government cannot and should not expect to live above the rules that govern every hardworking American. The breach of trust is devastating. The American people expect a government that is answerable to the people, not one that shirks any accountability or responsibility for blatant political abuse.

A viable special prosecutor must be appointed to get answers. We can't continue to let bureaucrats hide from justice.

HELPING FLORIDA'S MARINE INDUSTRY

(Ms. FRANKEL of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, south Florida has a booming marine industry, from our huge freighters to our Sunday boaters, generating over \$8.9 billion a year to our local economy. So I am very proud to join with DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ and Kristy Hebert, owner of Ward's Marine Electric, in trying to fix a problem.

Businesses like Kristy's have to pay upward of \$200,000 a year for providing recreational boat services, the same as companies that are providing services to 100,000-ton petroleum vessels. Obviously, the risks are different, and so H.R. 3896 is going to fix this problem. Workers are still going to be protected, and at an affordable cost for the employers.

SECURING THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE UNITED STATES

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I was down on the Texas-Mexico border this weekend. I met with Federal officials, and I met with State officials as well.

I want to commend the work that the State of Texas is doing to protect and secure the sovereignty of the United States, including the Department of Public Safety, local law enforcement, Parks and Wildlife law enforcement, the Texas Rangers, and soon to be the National Guard. It is obvious to me that they are on the border and they are protecting the sovereignty of our country for all Americans.

While meeting with the Border Patrol, I asked them where are these people coming from that are so quickly coming to the United States. They told me they are coming from 144 countries. Most recently, 2 weeks ago, there were three Ukrainians who crossed into the United States. The reason why is because the word is out to the world that if you can cross into the United States through Texas, you are going to get to stay. That is too bad. That is tragic.

It is the first duty of government to secure the national borders of any country. That is the obligation of our country, and it is the obligation of this administration. We protect the borders of other nations. It is about time we protect the border of the United States of America.

And that is just the way it is.

IN MEMORY OF MOST REVEREND ROBERT W. DONNELLY

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, today in Toledo, Ohio, in the 19-county diocese